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WILL WELFARE MEASURE AID WILSON WITH HARDLINERS? OR WILL IT BE MORE BATTLES IN '92?

Late last year when Gov. Pete Wilson(R) unveiled his WELFARE REFORM INITIATIVE, known as the Taxpayer Protection Act of 1992, he obviously hoped his new plan to reduce welfare/AFDC payments would be a way to win back many of the HARDLINE conservatives who had deserted him when he okayed a massive tax hike in 1991 to balance the CA budget. But in talking to hardliners about this new initiative (now in circulation as of 1/13) CALPEEK discovered that they haven't buried the hatchet. In fact, the RELATIONSHIP is still icy cold. And many conservative sources told CALPEEK that Wilson's welfare plan WON'T heal any wounds...

...In addition, some conservatives, mostly from the PRO-life/anti-abortion segment of the far right, have SERIOUS problems with Wilson's welfare plan. Under the proposal, welfare mothers, who already have children, and who get pregnant AGAIN, would NOT be eligible for receive additional AFDC funds. As some anti-abortion groups see it, this is a way to COERCE poor women into having abortions — and they don't like it. The Calif. PRO-Life PAC has sent out letters to a number of GOP lawmakers and groups urging them to OPPOSE Wilson's plan, but CALPEEK sources say most hardliners (who are also PRO-life) aren't buying the argument that if you cut welfare funds you'll increase abortions. At a recent CA Republican Party board meeting, two past leaders and the current president of the conservative CA Republican Assembly(CRA) voted WITH other CRP officials to endorse Wilson's initiative...

...While MOST hardliners may go along with Wilson's welfare reform, they are VERY upset that the governor has apparently decided to restore family planning clinic cuts made by the Bush Administration. Remember the flap over the gag rule: clinics which

performed abortions or who discussed abortion couldn't get federal funding? Wilson's new budget will replace lost federal funds with Calif. funds — and hardliners see this as Gov. Wilson picking another fight with conservatives who oppose taxpayer support for abortions...

...FYI: One conservative GOP source told CALPEEK that he praised Gov. Wilson for stiffening criminal penalties for anyone who supplied "drugs" to pregnant women. "We praise the governor and we assume this includes RU-486." Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1992: BRUISING PRIMARY FIGHTS ARE SHAPING UP IN THE BAY AREA FOR DEMOS & GOP.

Editor's note: This week CALPEEK takes a brief look at some Bay Area primary fights for Congress and CA Legislative seats...

...CONGRESS FIRST. One of the more active primaries for the House will take place in the 6th C.D. (Barbara Boxer's turf), where a major Demo battle is about to get underway. As of this week there were 6 Demos in the race and 1 unofficially out — S.F. City Atty. Louise Renee. There seems to be at least 2 tiers, with former Marin Sup./atty. Denis Rice, Marin Co. Demo Cnt. Cmt. member David Strand and J. Bennett Johnston Jr. in the TOP tier. Johnston is the son of U.S. Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and is director of land conservation for The Trust for Public Land. In the 2nd tier are Joe Nation, atty. Eric Koeningshofer and Petaluma Councilwoman Lynn Woolsey, who just entered the race. The lone GOP candidate is Assemblyman Bill Filante, and some CALPEEK sources think he's the guy to beat in November...

...A more active GOP primary will occur in the 14th C.D. (Tom Campbell's area). On

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the GOP side there are two frontrunners: former Assemblyman Dixon Arnett and San Mateo Co. Sup. Tom Huening. Intel D.C. lobbyist Mike Maiback is also running in the GOP primary. Huening is backed by the powerful No. Calif. Lincoln Club. The Demo side has 3 frontrunners: San Mateo Co. Supes Tom Nolan and Anna Eshoo, and Assemblyman Ted Lempert. Some CALPEEK sources think Eshoo may have a slight advantage, but others don't buy that, especially when Lempert is known for his solid GOTV work...

...At this point U.S. Rep. Pete Stark (D-Hayward) will NOT have a Demo primary fight from either State Sen. Bill Lockyer or from Newark Mayor David Smith, despite the fact that Stark bounced 17 checks at the House bank. Why no challenge? MONEY. Some sources think it may take \$1 million to defeat Stark. Others disagree...

...LEGISLATIVE BATTLES. Word out of S.F. is that Speaker Willie Brown (D) may have a serious primary battle against Cleve Jones, a well-known gay/AIDS activist. Brown's new 13th A.D. has a 35-40% gay population and there's polling going on now to see if a Jones' candidacy will fly. Also in S.F. there is talk that State Sen. Milton Marks (D) may have 1 or 2 rivals in June. Marks' new 3rd S.D. contains all of the 13th A.D., so S.F. Co. Sup. Carole Midgen, who is a lesbian, is giving this race a close look. So is former S.F. DA Joe Freitas...

...Next week CALPEEK will move to the Central Valley and Northern L.A. Co., plus San Diego. FYI: Once the lines are set, CALPEEK will produce a REAPPORTIONMENT GUIDE. Stay tuned...

SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S RACE: ROBERTS ANNOUNCES. Editor's note: One of the key races this year will be to replace outgoing San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Conner. Here is CALPEEK's first report for 1992...

...City Councilman Ron Roberts is the first candidate in this important contest to officially announce. The others in the race, including San Diego Co. Sup. Susan Golding, businessman Tom Carter and slow-growth advocate Peter Navarro, are still in the exploratory stages, but are expected to announce shortly...

...And believe it or not, there is fair

chance that former Mayor Roger Hedgecock may get into the race. Hedgecock's legal problems are now over and he is free and clear. Only one problem for Hedgecock: his KSDO Radio show salary is said to be 6-figures (some say \$200,000), while the top job at city hall is only \$60,000. We'll soon know what his plans are...

...Back to Roberts. In a somewhat unusual move, Roberts announced his candidacy on Saturday, Jan. 11. Candidates normally stage important events during the week when TV viewing is much higher, but Roberts' candidacy was the LEAD STORY during the day on Saturday on both TV and radio. And he got good, front-page Sunday newspaper exposure as well. Overall good marks are given to Roberts campaign team, the S.F.-based Strategy & Campaign Mgt. Group (read that as John Whitehurst, and John Wainio in San Diego)...

...As for the other candidates, Navarro made headlines by announcing he was switching political parties, from GOP to independent. Given his slow-growth attitudes, it is surprising he didn't join the new GREEN Party. Had he done so, it would have made MAJOR headlines. The other item concerning Navarro is his newest initiative to require developers to pay for expanded police services in new projects. As one critic told CALPEEK, it's just the same old slow-growth stuff with a CRIME twist. Stay tuned...

L.A. DA'S RACE: NAME CALLING DOMINATES GARCETTI'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO UNSEAT REINER. From 1984, when Ira Reiner defeated then L.A. Co. DA Robert Philibosian, until 1988, Gil Garcetti served as Reiner's TOP deputy. But something soured the relationship between the two in 1988 and Garcetti was sent into exile in Torrance, where he heads that office for the DA. On Jan. 13th it was Garcetti's turn to "get even" and he wasted little time in dumping on Reiner. Garcetti called Reiner a self-serving publicity seeker, who recently added to racial tensions in L.A. by "shoot-from-the-lip statements" regarding L.A. Sup. Court Judge Joyce Karlin and the now infamous case regarding the shooting death of a black teenager by a Korean grocer. Reiner didn't respond...

...Garcetti is the second major candidate to challenge Reiner. The other candidate who has "officially" announced is Beverly

Hills Councilman Robert Tanenbaum. CALPEEK sources also believe L.A. Co. Deputy DA Sterling Norris and L.A. Co. Sup. Court Judge J.D. Smith will jump in shortly...

...Back to Garcetti. He is expected to be well-funded, with a string of impressive endorsements. Skelton, Grover & Assoc. is handling daily mgt.; Joe Trippi & Mark Squires are media consultants; and Fairbank, Maullin & Assoc. are doing polling...

...FYI: Tanenbaum has released the names of his campaign team. They include media consultant Sid Galanty; pollster Alex Evans of Berkeley-based Evans/McDonough; daily campaign mgr. John Shallman; finance director Georgia Di Donato. The official Tanenbaum press release plays up the name of campaign strategist Darry Sragow, but he told CALPEEK he would keep his job with Board of Equal. member Brad Sherman and volunteer time "after hours" and on weekends. MISSING from this list is fundraising ace Irene Tritschler, who helped Tanenbaum during the early days of his campaign and gave the campaign much credibility. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ETHICS PANEL PROBES HAHN AIDE.

A superior court judge has temporarily halted L.A. City's new Ethics Commission from investigating the activities of L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn's top aide, Chuck Fuentes, who is also the vice chair of the CA Demo Party. Hahn himself is NOT a target of the investigation. Ethics investigators were looking at payroll records of Anthony Roland, a computer whiz working in Hahn's office under Fuentes' direction. Roland also has his own Demo campaign/computer business on the side. The allegation under investigation is that Roland failed to show up at his job for long periods of time, yet was on city payroll. Roland's attorney says his client worked by "telecommuting" from his home. The legal brouhaha has to do with who has authority to prosecute this case: the DA or the Ethics Commission. Until the legal dispute is resolved, the DA's office will do the investigating. Some sources see this whole thing as a fishing expedition with NO substance. Regardless, this probe is NOT good news for Hahn. And like the saying goes, "Where there's smoke, there's smoke damage."...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: MORE MEASURES SEEK TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER 1992 BALLOT...

Editor's note: Here is an update on 1992 initiative proposals which have been given the OK to collect signatures for the November 1992 ballot. Committees have been urged to return petitions by April 17 to allow enough time for signature verification...

- "PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM" is the official title of a constitutional amendment to stop the governor and CA Legislature from "raiding" the fund to balance the State budget. The proponents are Ted Costa (916)739-8525 and Cliff Haskell (916) 482-6175, both of Sacramento. They have until May 18 to collect 615,958 signatures in order to qualify. FYI: Californians for Pension Protection have hired Kimball Petition Mgt. to run the signature gathering phase. The committee also has hired 7 field directors to assist. This measure is a slam dunk to qualify...

- "LIMITATION ON FEES FOR STATE PARKS. ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FEES," is the official title of an initiative statute by Mark A. Massara of S.F. and Glen H. Spain of Comptche (707)937-2324. If approved, this measure would limit fees for use of State parks, beaches, etc. to reasonable and direct costs associated with maintenance. Proponents have until May 21 to gather 384,974 signatures...

TERM LIMITS & REMAPPING TOPIC FOR GOP CLUB.

The San Gabriel Valley chapter of the Lincoln Club will sponsor a breakfast Jan. 28 at the Sheraton Industry Hills Hotel (7:30 a.m.), where the topic will be term limits and reapportionment. Guest speakers are former L.A. Co. Sup. Pete Schabarum, campaign consultant Bob Gouty and Dr. Alan Heslop of the Rose Institute. Space is limited. For info & RSVPs, contact Barbara Cooke (818)919-7476 or Carol Cherry (818) 919-1879...

CRL SETS ELECTION CONFAB FOR NEW OFFICERS.

The CA Republican League(CRL), the moderate GOP volunteer organization, will conduct an election convention Jan. 25 at the Hilton Hotel, Oakland Airport. New officers and directors will be selected. Current CRP Pres. Yvonne Nix won't seek reelection...

DRIVE FOR 51st STATE MOVING INTO HIGH GEAR.

While some unnamed critics call it "Statham's Folly," the drive to put non-binding measures on various county ballots throughout Calif. seems to be gaining. According to Assemblyman Stan Statham's Sacto office, 22 counties have now agreed to carry a ballot measure asking voters whether they like the idea of SPLITTING THE STATE IN TWO — North Calif. and Calif. Those counties who have agreed to put this question on the June ballot are ALL from the northern part of the State, but Statham's committee is working overtime to get this measure before voters in Alameda, Sacramento, Monterey, S.F. and San Diego counties. The counties have until early March to place this question on the ballot. Stay tuned...

CA DEMOS SAY NO PRE-PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS.

As of now, the April 10-12 CA Demo Party convention in L.A. will be a pretty tame affair because the CDP's Exec. Board voted 2-1 to do away with PRE-PRIMARY CDP ENDORSEMENTS of candidates running for Congressional and Legislative seats this year. It's still not clear what the CDP will do with candidates running for the two U.S. Senate seats, but insiders believe if CDP Chair Phil Angelides had his way, the party will pass on these races too. Given the new district lines and the importance of holding onto to the U.S. House, Senate and CA Legislature, Angelides doesn't want anything that would hurt the party's bid to have a united front. The CDP did say that pre-primary endorsements will be back in 1994. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Pacific/West Communications Group has opened an office in Sacto at 1121 "L" St., Ste. 505, Sacto 95814 (916)441-1625. The office will be managed by new VP/sr. mgr. Megan Taylor, with Jacqueline Bostwick as mgt. associate...

- Campaign consultant David Mixner has moved his DBM Associates office to 356 Huntley Drive, West Hollywood, CA 90048. New phone is (310)289-1181...

- L.A.-based Cerrell Associates promotes Danielle Sanford to asst. media director...

- Vigo (Chip) Nielsen, managing partner of Nielsen, Merksamer et al, has been reappointed chair of the ABA's Advisory Commission to the Standing Cmt. on Election Law...

- Cate Whiting has left her job as press secretary with the CA Demo Party to return to work with the Orange Co. Demo Central Cmt. Susan Baltake jumps from PR at Riverwest Development (Phil Angelides' firm) to the CDP...

- Cerrell Associates in Sacto has signed up Stop Taxation of Publications (STOP), a coalition to repeal the CA sales tax on magazines and periodicals...

- S.F.-based Charlton Research has moved to 44 Montgomery St., #1710, S.F. 94104. Same phone and fax...

- Dr. E. Deborah Jay has joined Field Research Corp. as a VP and research director. She was with SRI in Menlo Park prior to this new post...

- Campaign/direct mail specialists at WS Direct have moved to larger offices at 11601 Wilshire Blvd., 5th Flr., L.A. 90025. New phone (310)575-4870...

- Denise Delmatier of The Gualco Group in Sacto, has been appointed by Sacto Mayor Anne Rudin to the Solid Waste Advisory Cmt. for the county...

- Ambrosino & Muir have relocated to new offices at 945 Front St., #106, S.F. 94111. Same phone and fax...

- Cerrell Associates/Sacto has a new location at 915 "L" St., #1400, Sacramento, CA 95814. Same phone and fax...

- The Irvin Hampton Co. has moved to a new office 2523 4th Avenue, L.A. 90018. New phone (213)766-6010...

- Wade Piston of the L.A. Co. Medical Assn. is the 1992 chair of the L.A. Public Affairs Officers Assn.. He's also the new president of the L.A. County Civil Service Commission...

- Albert Robles joins district staff in U.S. Rep. Mervyn Dymally's Compton office, in charge of Hispanic relations...